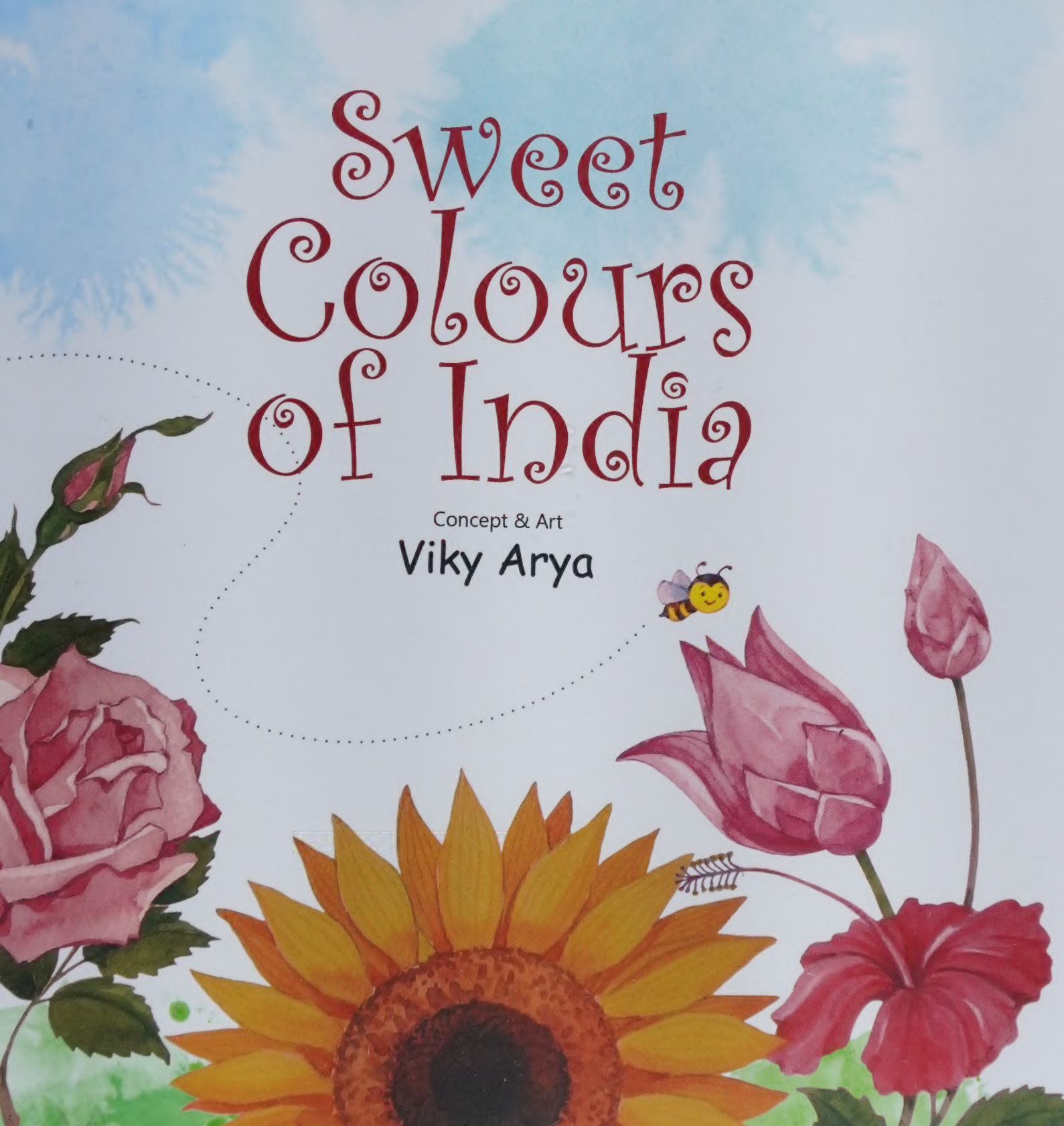
Sweet Colours of India

Concept & Art
Viky Arya



For children of the age group 4 to 6 years

The National Book Trust, India is an autonomous body established by the Government of India (Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education) in the year 1957, to promote books and reading. The biggest multilingual publisher of books for children in India, the Trust brings out colourful and well illustrated books for various age groups in 50 Indian languages and English with the intention of providing books to children in their own mother-tongue. All books for children are published under the series *Nehru Bal Pustakalaya*.

ISBN 978-81-237-8792-3

First Edition 2021

Reprints 2022 (twice), 2023 (*Saka* 1944)

© Viky Arya

₹ 75.00

Published by the Director, National Book Trust, India
Nehru Bhawan, 5 Institutional Area, Phase-II
Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070
Website: www.nbtindia.gov.in

Nehru Bal Pustakalaya

Sweet Colours of India

Concept & Art
Viky Arya

nbt.india
एकः सूते सकलम्
NATIONAL BOOK TRUST, INDIA

.....Mitthu, a honey bee.....

She gets up early... goes to a pond near by...where there are

is always busy

lots of pink Kamal flowers. She takes nectar from a pink Kamal

She can't resist the orange Sakrant bel and Neelkamli

and collects a few drops of nectar from there.

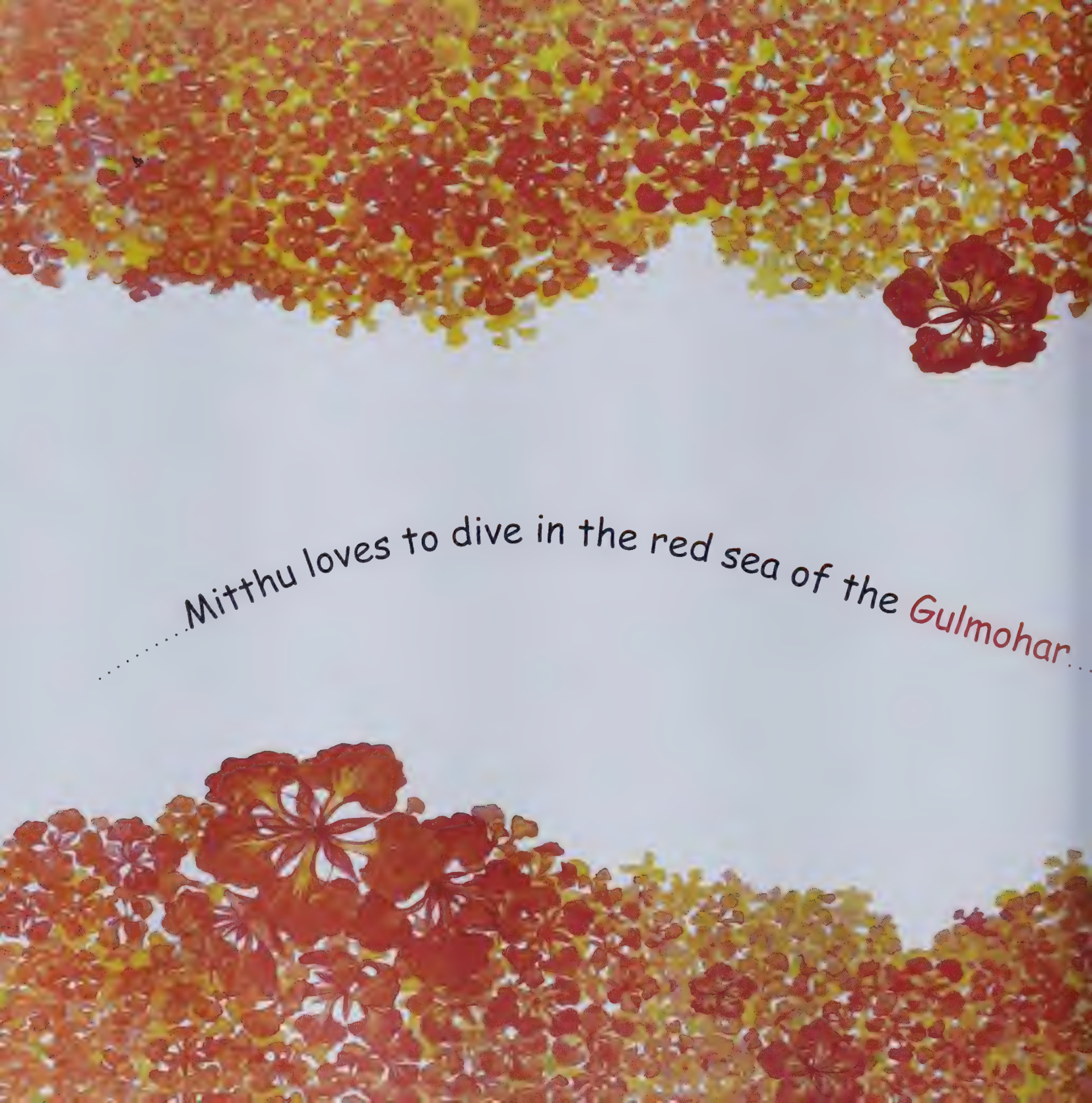
Gulab is her favorite flower and sometimes on her way to the Gulab garden

she collects nectar from Madhumaalti too

She likes to rest

on the white bed of the Champa flower

Red Khaskhas flowers are very attractive


.....Mitthu loves to dive in the red sea of the Gulmohar...

.....and fills her bucket with nectar .....

Here comes the yellow Genda surprise. She signals to ..

her friends and all of them come and join her

She likes to swing from one tendril to another of

...the Amaltash. This yellow gold is for every one.

A few drops from the red Gladioli and a few

drops from the white Rajnigandha

.....a few drops from the .....

. . red Buransh and some from the red Gudhal flowers.

She goes far to gather netar from the colourful Gerbera

nd very far to get it from the purple Orchids....but she never tires

Mitthu is not alone.
She and her friends work together.
They collect nectar from flowers
and make honey.
Have you seen her with a bucket full of
these sweet colours of India?

How many flowers did she go to? How many colours did you see?

Gulab | Rose

Amaltash | Laburnum

Champa | Plumeria

Gerbera | Gerbera

Gudhal | Hibiscus

Sakrant bel | Trumpet Vine

Orchids | Orchids

Gulmohar | Flame Tree

Kamal | Lotus

Which colour did you like the most?

Gladioli | Gladiolus

Neelkalmi | Morning Glory

Khaskhas | Poppy

Buransh | Rhododendron

Surajmukhi | Sunflower

Madhumaalti | Rangoon Creeper

Genda | Marigold

Rajnigandha | Tuberose

Did you know...this sweet honey they store in their honeycomb is for their little babies!

Printed at Magic International Pvt. Ltd., G. Noida

Far away from a city, in a jungle there is a honeycomb. Many honeybees live in it with their friends, brothers and sisters. There is only one queen bee but many worker bees in it. They collect nectar from flowers and make honey with it. How? From where? For whom? Let's read to know the answer in this interesting story for kids learning to read and write. Indian names of the flowers have been highlighted in colours. The equivalent English names of the flowers have been introduced at the end of the book to help children and parents, students and teachers understand the concept of the book better and to familiarise them with the Indian names of the flowers.

Viky Arya is an award winning poet, sculptor, illustrator and an advertising professional, who has done many national and international, multimedia campaigns. She was awarded NCERT National Award for Children's Literature, AIFACS Award (Uttaranchal) for Sculptures, and Hindi Academy 'Kriti Samman'. She has illustrated for Children's Book Trust, Puffin, Rupa, Rajkamal Prakashan and others. Her books published by NBT are *This is My Story*, *Discover India Through Mazes and Games*, and *Neelu & Peelu*.

₹ 75.00
ISBN 812378792-8
9 788123 787923
22232179

nbt:india
एकः सूते सकलम्

NATIONAL BOOK TRUST, INDIA